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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/FI99/00939	International filing date (day/month/year) 12.11.1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 16.11.1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC D 21 G 3/00 // D 21 F 3/10		
Applicant Metso Paper Inc. et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
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- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 24.05.2000	Date of completion of this report 07.03.2001
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-5, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 6, filed with the letter of 12.12.2000
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-2, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report is based on the claims filed on 12 December 2000.

The claimed invention relates to a doctor for a suction roll including a doctor slat and its holder and, in the direction of rotation of the suction roll, there is also a doctor blade with a blade holder fitted to the doctor after the doctor slat. The angle between the lines of contact of the doctor slat and the doctor blade is 15-70°; the sides of the angle diverge from a common point located at the rotation axis of the suction roll.

The purpose of the invention is to remove water from the suction roll with the doctor. The doctor blade is arranged to remove the water lifted off the suction roll by the doctor slat.

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D2: US 5178731
D3: WO 9827279
D4: EP 0117670
D5: US 5021124

Document D1 discloses a roll with a device for removing water. First there is a wiper, which is considered to be equivalent to a doctor slat, followed in the direction of rotation of the suction roll by a doctor blade. The doctor blade is arranged to remove the water that is lifted off the roll by the wiper, or doctor slat.

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Supplemental Box

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The claimed invention according to the new, amended claims differs from D1 in that the doctor blade is related to the doctor slat with fixed relations, in terms of angle, within a doctor assembly. Even though doctor assemblies carrying two doctor blades are known, see for example D3-D5, the internal relation is not defined. Also, none of the documents D3-D5 shows how water is removed from a suction roll. Therefore, the invention according to the amended claims 1-4 is considered to involve an inventive step.

Document D2 shows how a doctor removes water from a suction roll.

Document D3, D4 and D5 show different doctor assemblies that carry two successive doctor blades.

The invention according to claim 1-4 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step in view of the above reasoning. The criterion of industrial applicability is fulfilled.



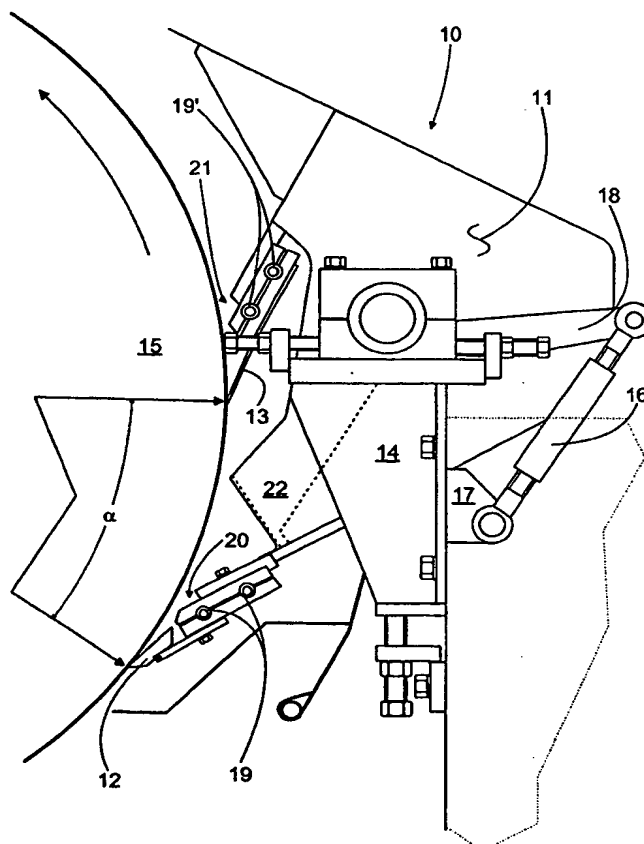
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(21) International Application Number: PCT/FI99/00939 (22) International Filing Date: 12 November 1999 (12.11.99) (30) Priority Data: U980495 16 November 1998 (16.11.98) FI (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): VALMET CORPORATION [FI/FI]; Fabianinkatu 9 A, FIN-00130 Helsinki (FI). (72) Inventors; and (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): JUVAKKA, Tuomo [FI/FI]; Haapasaarentie 2 H, FIN-40820 Haapaniemi (FI). PUSSINEN, Jouko [FI/FI]; Ravimiehentie 10 as 1, FIN-46800 Anjalankoski (FI). (74) Agent: KESPAT OY; P.O.Box 601, FIN-40101 Jyväskylä (FI).			(81) Designated States: AE, AL, AM, AT, AT (Utility model), AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, CZ (Utility model), DE, DE (Utility model), DK, DK (Utility model), DM, EE, EE (Utility model), ES, FI, FI (Utility model), GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SK (Utility model), SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report.</i> <i>Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</i> <i>In English translation (filed in Finnish).</i>

(54) Title: DOCTOR FOR A SUCTION ROLL PARTICULARLY IN PAPER MACHINES

(57) Abstract

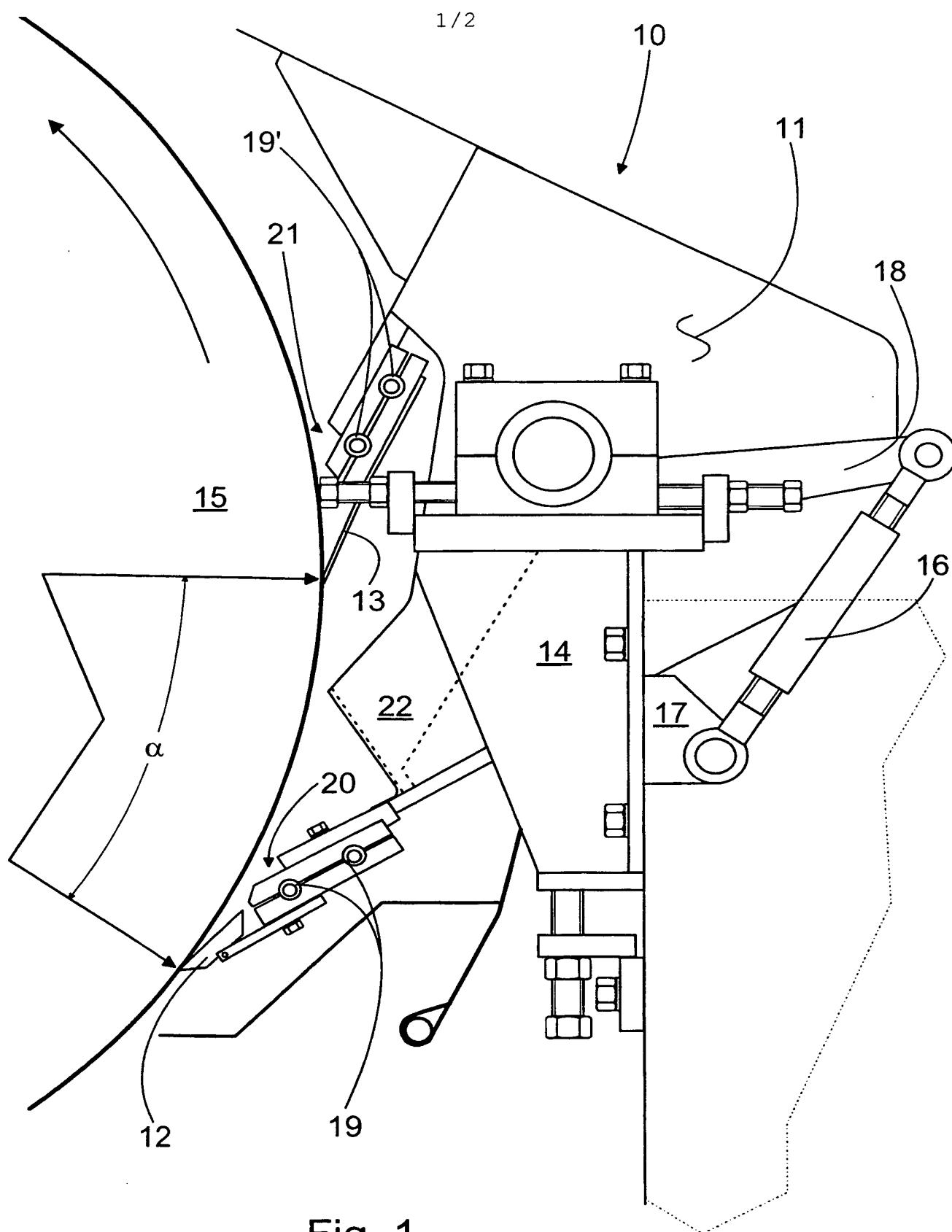
The invention relates to a doctor for a suction roll particularly in a paper machine, which doctor (10) is intended to remove water from a suction roll (15). The doctor (10) includes a doctor slat (12) fitted against the surface of suction roll (15) to extend essentially over the entire width of suction roll (15), as well as the doctor slat's (12) holder (20) and loading devices (19). In the direction of rotation of the suction roll (15), there is a doctor blade (13), which is as such known, with a blade holder (21) fitted to doctor (10) after doctor slat (12). Doctor blade (13) is arranged to remove the water lifted off suction roll (15) by doctor slat (12).



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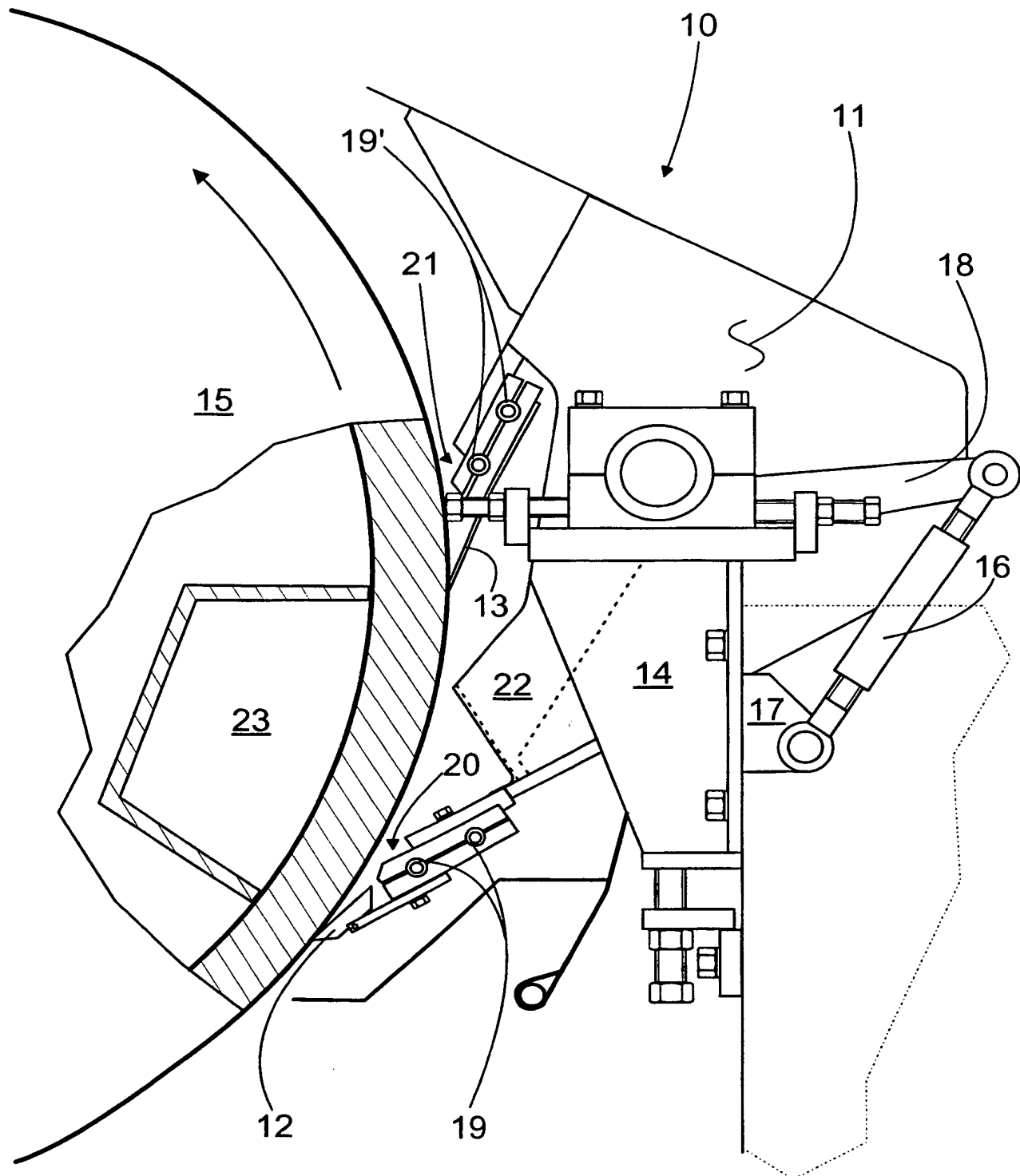


Fig. 2

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: D21G 3/00 // D21F 3/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3198693 A (E.J. JUSTUS), 3 August 1965 (03.08.65), column 1, line 20 - line 23; column 1, line 64 - line 70; column 7, line 64 - column 8, line 28, figure 6 --	1-5
A	US 5178731 A (JUHA KIVIMAA ET AL), 12 January 1993 (12.01.93) --	1-5
A	WO 9827279 A1 (VALMET CORPORATION), 25 June 1998 (25.06.98) --	1-5
A	EP 0117670 A2 (BELOIT WALMSLEY LIMITED), 5 Sept 1984 (05.09.84) --	1-5

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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A	US 5021124 A (PEKKA TURTINEN ET AL), 4 June 1991 (04.06.91) -- -----	1-5

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US	5178731	A	12/01/93	AT 129304 T CA 2043842 C DE 69113870 D,T EP 0462090 A,B SE 0462090 T3 FI 87095 B,C FI 902910 A	15/11/95 13/06/95 04/04/96 18/12/91 14/08/92 12/12/91
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

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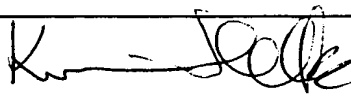
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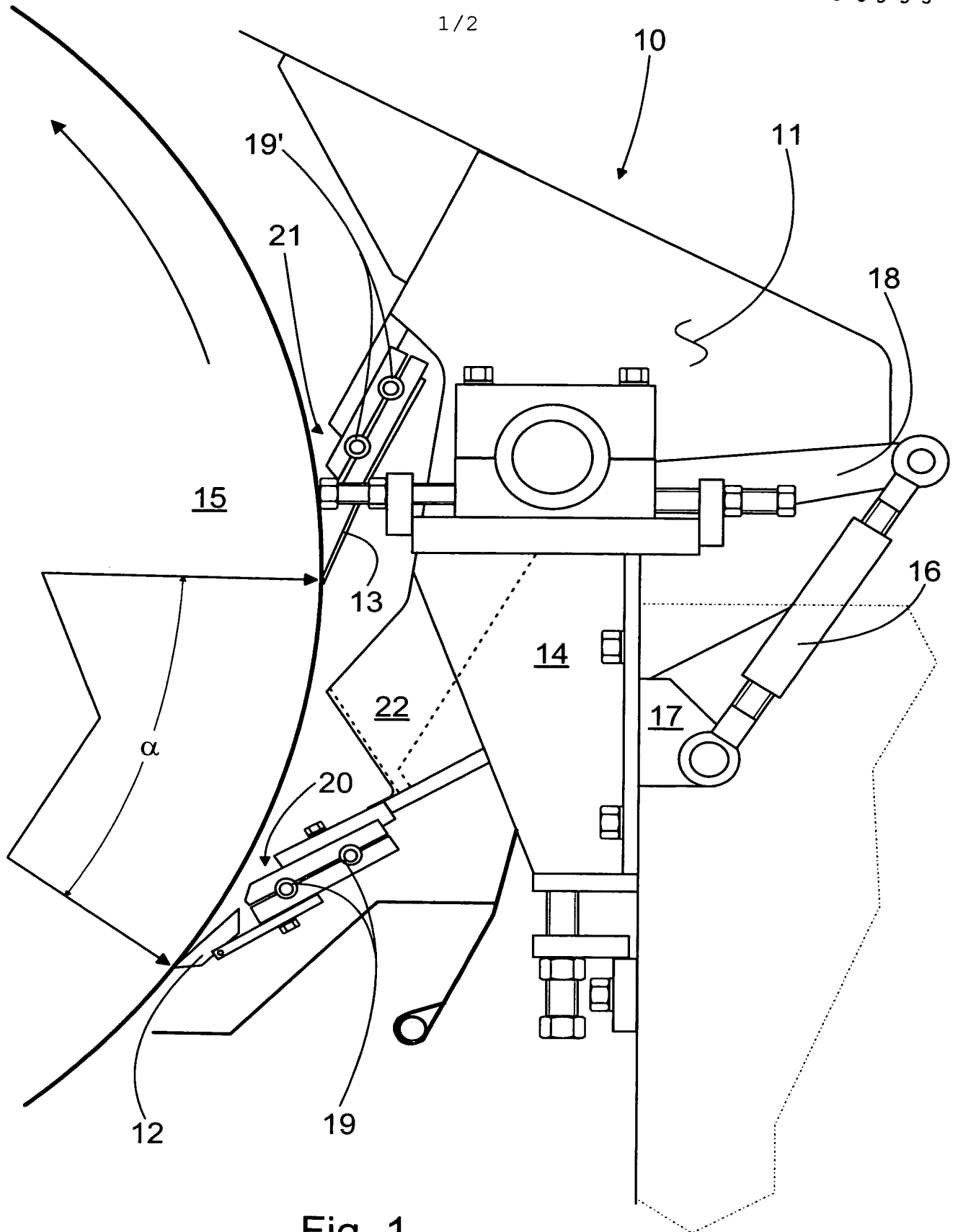


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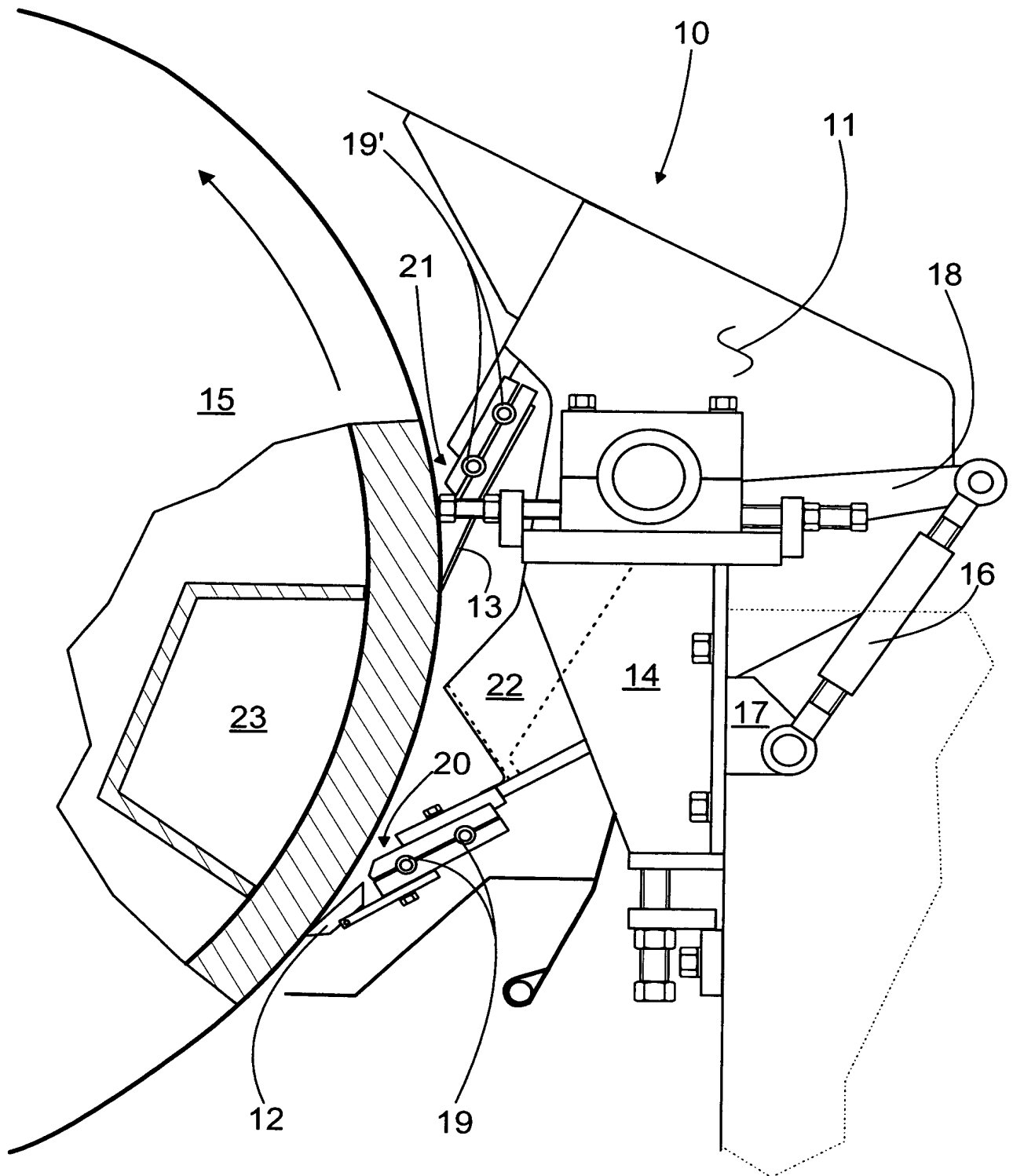


Fig. 2

IMUTELAN KAAVIN ERITYISESTI PAPERIKONEISIIN

Keksinnön kohteena on imutelan kaavin erityisesti paperikoneisiin, joka kaavin on tarkoitettu veden poistamiseksi imutelalta ja johon kaapimeen kuuluu imutelan pintaa vasten sovitettu oleellisesti koko imutelan pituudelle ulottuva kaavinlista sekä sen pidin ja kuormituselimet.

FI-patenttihakemuksesta numero 902910 tunnetaan imutelan kaavin, jolla poistetaan imutelalta vettä. Kaapimessa käytetään teränä kaavinlistaa, joka kaapii imutelan pinnalta vesikalvon pois. Kaavinlista lisäksi aikaansaa jälkeensä imun, joka poistaa myös imutelan porauksista ja urista sinne jäänyttä vettä. Osa imun nostamasta vedestä valuu imutelan alapuoliseen poistostaaseen, mutta osa kosteudesta kulkeutuu imutelan pyörimisliikkeen johdosta takaisin huovalle tai vastaavaan. Tämä aiheuttaa viiran tai huovan vetistymistä tai ainakin epätasaisuutta viiran, huovan tai paperin kosteusprofiiliin.

Vastaavaan käyttöön on valmistettu myös kaksoiskaavin, jossa olevilla kahdella kaavinterällä on pyritty parantamaan kaapimen vedenpoistokykyä. Tavanomaisilla kaavinterillä ei kuitenkaan saavuteta kaavinlistan mukaista imuvaikutusta, joka vetäisi veden pois myös imutelan rei'istä. Lisäksi kaavinterät toimivat halutulla tavalla vain tietyllä imutelan kehänopeusalueella. Tällöin paperikoneen nopeutta kasvatettaessa kyseisen kaapimen vedenpoistokyky ja kaavintulos heikkenevät oleellisesti.

Keksinnön tarkoituksena on aikaansaada erityisesti paperikoneisiin uudenlainen imutelan kaavin, jolla vesi saadaan poistettua entistä tehokkaammin imutelalta. Tämän keksinnön tunnusomaiset piirteet ilmenevät oheisista patenttivaatimuksista. Keksinnön mukaisella kaapimen yhdistelmärakenteella saadaan kaapimen edulliset ominaisuudet esille, mikä käytännössä tarkoittaa erittäin hyvää kaavintatulosta. Samalla saavutetaan merkittävä

kuiva-aineen nousu. Veden lisäksi kaapimella myös poistetaan
kuituja ja täyteaineita imutelan rei'istä. Tämä vähentää imute-
lan mukana pyörivän irtomateriaalin määrää ja parantaa samalla
imutelan reikien puhtaana pysyvyyttä. Kaavin myös tasaa imute-
5 lan ympäristön kosteutta, koska suurin osa vedestä saadaan
hallitusti talteen. Tällöin viira, huopa tai vastaava ei vety,
vaan sen kosteusprofiili pysyy tasaisena. Keksinnön mukaista
kaavinta voidaan käyttää kaikissa imutelapositioneissa. Lisäksi
kaavin soveltuu pienin muutoksin hyvin laajalle imutelan ke-
10 hänopeusalueelle.

Keksintöä kuvataan seuraavassa yksityiskohtaisesti viittaamalla
oheisiin eräitä keksinnön sovelluksia kuvaaviin piirroksiin,
joissa

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Kuva 1 esittää keksinnön mukaisen kaapimen sivulta katsottu-
na,

Kuva 2 esittää keksinnön mukaisen kaapimen sivulta katsottuna
osana imutelan yhteyteen järjestettyä sovitelmaa veden
20 poistamiseksi.

Kuvassa 1 esitetyssä keksinnön mukaisessa kaapimessa 10 on
kaksi terää 12 ja 13, jotka on sovitettu kaapimen 10 runkorakenteeseen 11. Runkorakenne 11 on kompakti ja se on laakeroitu
25 molemmista päistään säädettävien tukien 14 välityksellä paperi-
koneen runkoon. Runkoa on kuvattu pistekatkoviivalla. Tarvitta-
essa kaavin 10 voidaan kääntää irti imutelan 15 pinnasta vant-
tiruuvilla 16 tai vastaavalla. Kuvassa 1 vanttiruuvi 16 on
sovitettu kiinteään korvakkeen 17 ja kääntyvään runkorakentee-
30 seen 11 kiinnitetyn tukivarren 18 väliin. Kuitenkin vanttiruuv-
ia 16 käytetään lähinnä vain kaapimen 10 asennon säätämiseen.
Terät 12 ja 13 kuormitetaan ja vapautetaan tavanomaisin kuormi-
tusletkuin 19 ja 19' varustettujen pitimien 20 ja 21 avulla.

35 Kuvan 1 toiminta-asentoisessa kaapimessa 10 terät 12 ja 13
vastaavat imutelan 15 pintaan varsinaisen imusektorin ollessa

- imutelan 15 vastakkaisella puolella. Imutela 15 pyörii nuolen osittamaan suuntaan eikä imutelan 15 reikiä tai uria ole kuvattu. Imutelan 15 pyörimissuunnassa ensimmäisen terän 12 poistama vesi kerätään imutelan 15 alapuoliseen poistoaltaaseen. Toisen 5 terän 13 keräämä vesi ohjataan runkorakenteeseen 11 muodostettuun kaukaloon 22, jolloin se ei haittaa ensimmäisen terän 12 toimintaa. Kaukalosta 22 vesi ohjataan edelleen imutelan 15 alapuolelle poistoaltaaseen.
- 10 Keksinnön mukaisesti imutelan 15 pyörimissuunnassa ensimmäisen terän 12, joka tässä on kaavinlista, jälkeen on kaapimeen 10 sovitettu sinällään tunnettu kaavinterä 13. Esimerkissä kaavinterään 13 kuuluu lisäksi tavanomainen teräpidin 21 ja kuormitusletkut 19'. Tällä teräyhdistelmällä saavutetaan aikaisempaa 15 parempi kaavintatulos varsinkin imutelan kehänopeuden ollessa riittävän suuri. Käytännössä kaavinlista 12 poistaa ensin vesikalvon imutelan 15 pinnalta ja sitten aikaansaa jälkeensä imuvaikutuksen. Tämä niin sanottu foilliefekti muodostuu aina imutelan pyöriessä, mutta tunnetusti merkittävä imu syntyy 20 vasta imutelan kehänopeuden noustessa tietylle tasolle. Tältä tasolta eteenpäin imuvaikutus useimmiten kasvaa tai pysyy ainakin samana. Foilliefekti imee imutelan rei'istä vettä, jonka kaavinterä 13 sitten poistaa kaukaloon 22. Veden mukana rei'istä nousee myös kuituja ja sideaineita, jotka kaavinterä 25 13 poistaa. Keksinnön mukainen kaavin on niin tehokas, että ylimääräistä kosteutta ei kierrä imutelan mukana. Tällöin myös imutelan toiminta tehostuu ja viiran tai huovan uudelleenvetäminen on olematonta.
- 30 Sekä kaavinlistan 12 että kaavinterän 13 pitimet 20 ja 21 on kiinnitetty kaapimen 10 runkorakenteeseen 11, jolloin molemmat terät 12 ja 13 voidaan kaapimen 10 asennuksessa säätää samanaisesti. Pitimet 20 ja 21 on lisäksi sovitettu runkorakenteeseen 11 siten, että imutelan 15 kuvitellun pyörähdysakselin 35 suhteen kaavinlistan 12 ja kaavinterän 13 kosketusviivojen välinen kulma α on $15^\circ - 70^\circ$. Edullisemmin kulma α on $20^\circ -$

40°. Tällöin kaavinterä 13 ehtii kaavinlistan 12 nostaman vesikalvon alle eikä vesi ehdi imeytyä takaisen reikiin. Lisäksi lähekkäin asetettujen terien 12 ja 13 ansiosta kaapimen 10 koko pysyy pienenä. Kaavinlista on valmistettu edullisesti 5 muovista.

Kaavinlistan 12 pidin 20 on sovitettu irrotettavasti kiinnitettäväksi kaapimen 10 runkorakenteeseen 11. Lisäksi runkorakenteeseen 11 kuuluu kaavinlistan 12 pitimen 20 läheisyydessä 10 kaavinterän 13 teräpidintä 21 vastaavat kiinnikkeet (ei esitetty). Näin ollen samaa kaavinta voidaan käyttää myös hitaiksi luokitelluissa paperikoneissa. Tällöin on perusteltua asentaa keksinnön mukainen kaavin varustettuna tavanomaisin kaavinterin paperikoneeseen, vaikka paperikone onkin niin sanotusti hidas. 15 Siten tulevaisuuden nopeuden korotusprojekteissa kaavin voidaan helposti uudistaa yksinkertaisesti vaihtamalla ensimmäisenä teränä olleen tavallisen kaavinterän tilalle kaavinlista. Vaihdon perusteena oleva rajanopeus määritetään tapauskohtaisesti. Periaatteessa kaavinlistan imuvaikutus on merkittävä 20 imutelan kehänopeuden ollessa riittävän suuri.

Imutelan toiminnan edelleen parantamiseksi on edullista järjestää keksinnön mukainen kaavin osaksi sovitelmaa, joka esitetään kuvassa 2. Toiminnallisista osista käytetään samoja viitenumeroita. 25 Kuvan 2 mukaisesti sovitelmaan kuuluu ylipainekammio 23, joka asetetaan imutelan 15 sisään kaapimen 10 kohdalle. Edullisesti ylipainekammio 23 sijaitsee terien 12 ja 13 välissä, pyörimissuunnassa heti ensimmäisen terän 12 jälkeen. Tällöin kaavinlistan 12 muodostaman alipaineen vettä poistava vaikutus 30 vahvistuu rei'istä purkautuvalla ylipainella. Ylipainekammio 23 päättyy ennen toista terää, jotta kaavinterän 13 toiminta ei häiriintyisi ilmavirrasta. Sovitelmalla imutelan reiät tyhjenevät entistä paremmin.

35 Keksinnön mukainen imutelan kaavin soveltuu siis laajalla imutelan kehänopeusalueella paperikoneen kaikkiin imutelaposi-

tioihin. Erityisesti kaapimen uudistus eri nopeusalueelle on yksinkertaista, mikä vähentää kustannuksia. Käytössä kaapimella saavutetaan merkittävä kuiva-aineen nousu. Lisäksi kaavintatulos on erinomainen. Kaavintatuloksen ollessa hyvä tasaantuu
s myös imutelan jälkeinen kosteusprofiilikin, koska kerran viirasta tai huovasta imetty vesi ei palaa enää uudelleen viiralle tai huovalle. Tällöin myös imutelan ympärillä leijuva kosteusharso ohenee.

PATENTTIVAATIMUKSET

1. Imutelan kaavin erityisesti paperikoneisiin, joka kaavin (10) on tarkoitettu veden poistamiseksi imutelta (15) ja johon kaapimeen (10) kuuluu imutelan (15) pintaa vasten sovitettu oleellisesti koko imutelan (15) pituudelle ulottuva kaavinlista (12) sekä sen pidin (20) ja kuormituselimet (19), tunnettu siitä, että imutelan (15) pyörimissuunnassa kaavinlistan (12) jälkeen on kaapimeen (10) sovitettu sinällään tunnettu kaavinterä (13) teräpitimineen (21) sovitettuna poistamaan kaavinlistan (12) nostamaa vettä imutelta (15).

2. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 mukainen kaavin, tunnettu siitä, että imutelan (15) kuvitellun pyörähdysakselin suhteen kaavinlistan (12) ja kaavinterän (13) kosketusviivojen välinen kulma on 15° - 70° , edullisemmin 20° - 40° .

3. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 tai 2 mukainen kaavin, tunnettu siitä, että kaapimessa (10) on runkorakenne (11), johon sekä kaavinlistan (12) että kaavinterän (13) pitimet (20, 21) on sovitettu.

4. Patenttivaatimuksen 3 mukainen kaavin, tunnettu siitä, että kaavinlistan (12) pidin (20) on sovitettu irrotettavasti kiinnitettäväksi runkorakenteeseen (11).

5. Patenttivaatimuksen 3 tai 4 mukainen kaavin, tunnettu siitä, että runkorakenteeseen (11) kuuluu kaavinlistan (12) pitimen (20) läheisyydessä kaavinterän (13) teräpidintä (21) vastaavat kiinnikkeet.

(57) TIIVISTELMÄ

Keksintö koskee imutelan kaavinta erityisesti paperikoneisiin, joka kaavin (10) on tarkoitettu veden poistamiseksi imutelalta (15). Kaapimeen (10) kuuluu imutelan (15) pintaa vasten sovitettu oleellisesti koko imutelan (15) pituudelle ulottuva kaavinlista (12) sekä sen pidin (20) ja kuormituseliimet (19). Imutelan (15) pyörimissuunnassa kaavinlistan (12) jälkeen on lisäksi kaapimeen (10) sovitettu sinällään tunnettu kaavivinterä (13) teräpitimineen (21). Kaavivinterä (13) on sovitettu poistamaan kaavinlistan (12) nostamaa vettä imutelalta (15).